

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

--However, as shown in Figure 5, if the transparent microspheres are different in size, in other words, if there are transparent microspheres 142 and ~~[[144]]~~ 143 smaller or larger in size than an average transparent microspheres 14, respectively, these transparent microspheres 14, 142 and ~~[[144]]~~ 143 are not always distributed so as to be in uniform contact with the transparent substrate 10. That is, the smaller transparent microspheres 142 are possibly buried in the light absorbing layer 20 and isolated from the transparent substrate 10. As a result, the presence of smaller transparent microspheres 142 causes a reduction in transmittance of the optical diffusion film 6. On the other hand, the larger transparent microspheres ~~[[144]]~~ 143 are possibly damaged when they are heated and pressed against the transparent binder layer 12. This leads to an occurrence of image defects due to absence of light.--